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Responsive to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment to the Specification and Claims, and Remarks.

The due date for a response to the Office Action was set to be September 28, 2004. A petition for a one month extension of time is filed herewith to bring the period of response to October 28, 2004.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite Paragraphs 45, 46, 54, 59, 66, and 69 in the specification as follows:

[0045] FIG. 4 depicts further details of a portion of the ATM network 20 of FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 that is extended to include remote DSLAMs 8. In FIG. 4, the R-DSLAMs 8₁-1 and 8₁-2